

AN HONEST DOLLAR.

For the last few months, we have heard from the eastern portion of this country, a great cry of "honest money," a "safe money," and a "sound currency," etc. These pleasing adjectives help to round off a very seductive phrase, and are liable to mislead and deceive the "very elect." The use of these terms is intended to discredit, by way of comparison, all money as a standard except gold. In other words that silver and paper money are "dishonest," "unsafe," and "unsound." The people of this country are deeply interested in this question, and all "honest" men will insist on using "honest" money, "safe" money, and "sound" money. We cannot in a short article like this, discuss this question fully or in detail, but will simply give it a passing notice. What is honest money? It is that kind of money which will perform the mission it is called to do without any price or premium. It is like an honest man, who will be true to his duty, and unwavering in his friendship in adversity as well as in prosperity, in storms as well as under sunlit skies. An "honest dollar" will not hide itself in the vaults of the banker, or bury itself in treasure boxes of the miser in time of a national war, and demand two or three hundred per cent premium before it will show its face. It will not be one dollar today, and two dollars tomorrow, and three dollars the next, and then be a dollar again. It will not be one plain dollar one day, for the purpose of making a loan, and another day require two dollars to pay the debt. Any man who would be so erratic, would not be termed an honest man; neither should a dollar be called honest, that is guilty of such instability.

Gold has always been uncertain in time of national trouble. It is an arrant coward in time of war. It is like the fellows who run off to Canada, during the last war, to escape the draft. It is never patriotic, or loyal when needed; but is arrogant and boastful after the danger has passed. It is a money which grinds down the laborer and the producer, and clothes the speculator with "purple and fine linen." As to the name of honesty, when applied to money we may say, that any money is honest that faithfully and at all times performs its functions or office. Any material may become money which receives the sanction of law, and the usage of custom. As to the two monetary metals of the world, silver is the more "honest" of all, when considered by the test we have just mentioned. It has stood the trial of the medium of exchange for thousands of years; it has been reliable in time of war as well as in peace; it has never faltered or wavered in its paying or purchasing power, until the Republican party struck it down by act of law, in 1873.

All the talk we hear about "honest money," is raised for the purpose of throwing discredit upon

silver, and to create the sentiment that gold only is honest. It is like the cry of "stop thief;" used to distract public attention from their own dishonesty. That the Republican party is the avowed champion of the gold-bugs, there can be no question. The great state of Pennsylvania, through the mouthpiece of the Republican state convention, has set the pace on this question, by declaring, "they are opposed to debasing the currency by the free coinage of silver." The other states will follow, and the platform for 1896 will be for a gold standard. It is true that C. E. Allen and the Utah party have declared for silver, but it is all a sham to catch votes, for well do these gentlemen know that their party is unfriendly to silver, and are constantly branding the white metal as "dishonest," "unsafe" and "unsound." The democrats alone are now making the greatest fight of the century, to vindicate the honor and soundness of the honest silver American Dollar. If you believe the silver dollar is an honest dollar then work and vote with that grand body of men, who are leading the battle, and who will bring the wreaths of victory with them when the votes are counted.

THE EMANCIPATION BANQUET

Given by the Western Recorder Publishing Co., on Tuesday, Sept. 24th, at G. A. R. Hall, was a grand affair and afforded great enjoyment to the large gathering. The guests, among whom were a number of white people, were looked after by a reception committee composed of S. G. Wilson, S. D. Chambers, A. H. Grice, Mrs. S. G. Wilson, Mrs. S. D. Chambers and Mrs. A. J. Spears. The banquet table was sumptuously spread. R. B. Johnson, Esq., acted as toastmaster. An orchestra composed of Afro-Americans furnished excellent music for the occasion.

HUMAN life consists in kindness and harmony, and is bound together for mutual help, not by terror, but by love.

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